

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Office action mailed August 12, 2005, Applicants elect with traverse Group I, drawn to a method for manufacturing a panel assembly, classified in class 156, subclass 196. In particular, Applicants traverse the restriction between groups I and II.

Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the unelected claims in any number of continuing or divisional applications.

Where claims can be examined together without undue burden, the Examiner must examine the claims on the merits even though they are directed to independent and distinct inventions (MPEP §803). In establishing that an "undue burden" exists for co-examination of claims, the Examiner must show that examination of the claims would involve substantially different prior art searches, making the co-examination burdensome. To show undue burden resulting from searching difficulties, the Examiner must show that the restricted groups have a separate classification, acquired a separate status in the art, or that searching would require different fields of search (MPEP §808.02).

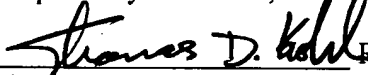
Applicants respectfully submit that the inventions of the present application can readily be searched without undue burden.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner join Groups I and II since a search for one of the groups will identify art pertaining to the other.

In view of the foregoing remarks it is believed that the application is now in form for examination on the merits and an early and favorable office action is earnestly solicited.

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